

Spring Stevens Fish Hatchery



The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Fish Hatcheries

The mission of the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) fish hatchery program is to propagate those species of fish in sizes required to accomplish fishery management objectives as recommended by the biological staff and approved by administrative personnel, and to provide pond owners, at cost, largemouth bass, redear sunfish and bluegill for private pond management purposes.



DNR



Channel Catfish

Location: Adjacent to Lancaster County Road 29-15, .9 miles south of Heath Springs.

Personnel: Hatchery Manager (1). Assistance is provided from the office of the Hatchery Coordinator with technicians assigned from Columbia.

Background: Construction of the Spring Stevens Fish Hatchery was completed during 1936, on a site just south of the Lancaster County town of Heath Springs. The Federal government allowed \$24,100 in cash and labor donations for the construction on property which was provided by Colonels Elliott White Springs and John T. Stevens. Construction was accomplished through the Works Projects Administration (WPA) with major renovations occurring during the mid-1970s.

Species Raised:

Striped bass
Channel catfish



Land Acreage of Hatchery: (56) acres.

Fish House Construction: Metal framed and sided building 30 ft. x 50 ft. with concrete flooring. Drive through doors at both ends of the structure.



Utilities: Electrical service and nonpotable water for hatchery operations.



Function: Fish holding and hatchery distribution.

Number of Ponds: (7) production ponds and (1) reservoir pond. Production of over 500,000 fish is done annually.

Water Source: Unnamed Creek.

Acres of Water: 4.2 acres in production ponds.

Reservoir Pond: 2.0 acres. Used for water supply to fish house and production ponds.



Channel catfish
harvested in
the fall to stock
DNR public
fishing lakes

